

## Social and Personal

Mrs. W. G. Stanard's paper on Danto, read before the Woman's Club last afternoon, proved very fine indeed. It showed great care and thought in preparation and gained force of expression by Mrs. Stanard's excellent manner and clear voice in reading.

The pleasant afternoon tempted every one clubwards, who could possibly go. The parlors consequently were thronged, but not unpleasantly crowded. Chairman's guests were: Mrs. James Lyons, Mrs. Arthur Seddon, Miss Julia Woodbridge, Miss Marie Williamson, of Frederick, Md. Tea and coffee were poured by Miss Madge Freedy and Mrs. Emma Read Ball.

Next Monday afternoon Mrs. John Hunter will present a paper before the club, which will be read by the Rev. Dr. W. E. Evans. Mrs. Hunter's well known literary ability interests her afternoon with the greatest interest for her friends in the club and outside of it.

## Mr. Messer's Lecture.

One of the most interesting events of to-day will be the lecture given at 8:30 o'clock to-night in the rooms of the Richmond Art Club, corner of Madison and Grace Streets, by Mr. Edmund Clarence Messer, president of the Corcoran Art School, Washington, D. C.

Members of the Art Club and the public generally are looking forward with the greatest interest to Mr. Messer's appearance.

**Work of the Dames.**

The Woman's Home Companion for March has a lengthy article on the work done by the national society of Colonial Dames in America. The article states that the leadership of the national society passed two years ago to Mrs. Herbert Augustus Claiborne, of this city, and refers to Mrs. Claiborne as "a true Virginian, the daughter of the Cavaliers, Carringtons and Gambles, numbering among her ancestors Simon Codrington, the first Englishman to possess land in this country in his own right; State chairman of the Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors, and State president of Colonial Dames."

The allusion made to the work of the Colonial Dames in the State of Virginia does not do them justice, and is altogether incorrect. It says:

"The Virginia society, presided over by the national president, offers a medal to students of the University of Virginia, originally William and Mary College, for the best essay on Virginia history; and in this institution at Williamsburg, the second seat of learning in America, which was of learning in America, which was founded by two royal benefactors in 1693, and attended by three Presidents—Jefferson, Monroe and Tyler—has been set a tablet of Florentine marble."

As the Dames meet next Thursday, they will doubtless take pleasure in removing the confusion in ideas which seems to prevail concerning the University of Virginia and William and Mary College. They could certainly give their work a broader scope and more definite aim than evidently exists in the minds of outsiders concerning it.

## Personal Mention.

Mrs. Russell Robinson, of Nelson county, is visiting Mrs. J. Taylor Elyson this week.

Mrs. J. S. Murrell is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Chambers, at No. 9 West Grace Street.

Miss Mary Sage Burrows, of Saginaw, Mich., who is visiting Mrs. Byrd Warwick, spent a part of last week at the Chamberlin Hotel, Old Point, and was the hostess of a dinner party while there.

Misses Emmie and Ruby Thomas and Miss Ellen Pollard are spending some weeks very pleasantly with friends in Newport News, Va.

Mrs. Mary Carrington Reynolds, of Hampden-Sidney, Va., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Maria Davis, to Mr. Saxon W. Holt, of Newport News. The wedding date has been fixed for April 20th.

Miss Madge Drummond, of Norfolk, is the guest of friends in Richmond.

Miss Elizabeth Robins is visiting Mrs. E. R. Baird, Jr., in Ghent, Norfolk.

Mr. Frank W. McCullough, of Norfolk, whose wife was the beautiful Miss Virginia Hayes, of Richmond, in whose honor, Mr. McCullough named his yacht Virginia, is now contracting for a launch which, it is said, will be the fastest boat in the Hampton Roads fleet.

Mr. George Bell, of Petersburg, spent yesterday with friends in Richmond.

Mrs. M. T. Eubank, of Warm Springs, Va., spent several days of last week in Richmond on her way to Florida, where she will spend the remainder of February and a part of March. Mrs. Eubank and Mrs. Glover go to the Warm about the 1st of April, the spring season requiring the early opening of the hotel.

Mr. Louis Minnecrow, of Lynchburg, Va., who was badly shot through the hand last week, is slowly improving.

Mr. William Gray is spending a week in New York city.

Parties are already being made up for the World's Fair at St. Louis. Mrs. Nannie D. Werth, who has been spending the winter with her son in Philadelphia, has taken a house in St. Louis, which will be headquarters for many of her Virginia friends, who expect to visit the fair.

Miss Page Booker, who was quite sick for several weeks in Richmond, has sufficiently recovered to leave for her home at the University of Virginia.

Mrs. N. W. Lowe is out again, as her friends will be glad to hear, after a very severe illness from grip.

Miss Betty Burwell Booker is meeting with great success through her drawing room and concert engagements in London, where she is spending the season. The London press are most complimentary in mention of her.

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## POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for the refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Charles Eliot Norton.

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## EVERY YEAR.

By GEN. ALBERT PIKE.



Life is a count of losses

Every year;  
For the weak are heavier crosses  
Every year;  
Lost springs with sobs replying  
Unto weeping autumn sighing,  
While those we love are dying  
Every year.

The days have less of gladness  
Every year;  
The nights more weight of sadness  
Every year;  
Fair springs no longer charm us,  
The winds and weather harm us,  
The threats of death alarm us  
Every year.

There come new cares and sorrows

Every year;  
Dark days and darker morrows  
Every year;  
The ghosts of dead loves haunt us,  
The ghosts of changed friends taunt us,  
And disappointments daunt us  
Every year.

To the past go more dead faces

Every year;  
As the loved leave vacant places  
Every year;  
Everywhere their sad eyes meet us,  
In the evening's dusk they greet us,  
And to come to them entreat us  
Every year.

"You are growing old," they tell us

Every year;  
"You are more alone," they tell us  
Every year;  
"You can win no new affection,  
You have only recollection,  
Deeper sorrow, and dejection  
Every year."

The shores of life are shifting

Every year;  
And we are seaward drifting  
Every year;  
Old places changing fret us,  
The living more forget us,  
There are fewer to regret us  
Every year.

But the truer life draws nigher

Every year;  
And its morning star climbs higher  
Every year;  
Earth's hold on us grows slighter,  
And its heavy burden lighter,  
And the dawn immortal brighter  
Every year.

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## FOUND AFTER THREE MONTHS

Robert Edwards Had Cross Words With His Wife and Drowned Himself.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 22.—After a tireless vigil of more than three months' duration, Robert Edwards, of Southampton county, to-day learned the fate of his friend James Gardner, who had been missing from his home, near Cypress Bridge, since last November. Gardner's body was found floating on the Nottoway River, three hundred yards below the bridge. Owing to the temperature of the water, the corpse was in a good state of preservation.

Six dollars in currency on the person was not damaged. There were besides a \$5 gold piece and some small change. After having crossed words with his wife on the day of disappearance, Gardner left home with a hunting bag and dog. He told a person whom he met on the road that he meant to kill himself, but the declaration was not taken seriously. Next day Gardner's dog was found on Cypress Bridge, faithfully guarding his hunting bag. Gardner's hat was floating on the river. For several days the river dragged, but no further trace of Gardner was found, and many persons had reached the conclusion that Gardner was not dead, but had left his hat and bag as a blind, and had fled from the neighborhood.

Edwards kept up a lookout for his

missing friend, and the reward came after a dozen weeks. Corporal J. T. Moore this afternoon conducted the inquest near Courtland. A verdict of voluntary drowning was rendered.

The deceased was a farmer, thirty-five years old. He is survived by a widow and two children.

## Small Judgment.

In the City Circuit Court yesterday judgments were rendered in the matter of Montgomery & Co. vs. Peyton & Berkeley, for \$292.04.

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## W. J. BRYAN IN RALEIGH

A Round of Entertainment in His Honor at North State Capital City.

## LEASES MANY OPERA HOUSES

Wilmington Man Secures Control of a Circuit of Theatres in North Carolina.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 22.—State offices are closed to-day on account of Washington's birthday. There was no other observance or public gathering, except those incident to the presence of William Jennings Bryan.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy and Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Printing W. E. Paison left this afternoon for Charlotte to attend the North Carolina Grand Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, which convenes at 10 A. M. to-morrow. Mr. Paison is vice-supreme councillor of the Supreme Council of the United States.

Many honors are being heaped on W. J. Bryan during his stay in Raleigh. He arrived Sunday morning at 6:50 o'clock, and was the guest of Editor Joseph Daniels, Democratic national committeeman for North Carolina. The State officials and judges of the Supreme Court were guests with Mr. Bryan at dinner, and Sunday evening Chief Justice Walter Clark entertained Mr. Bryan at tea. Sunday afternoon, Mr. Bryan was greeted by an immense audience at the First Presbyterian Church, when he delivered an address under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts.

At 11 o'clock this morning Mr. Bryan, in company with many prominent citizens, was given a drive over the city, and at noon a largely attended public reception was held at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. This was followed at 1 P. M. by a lunch with the Agricultural and Mechanical cadets in the college dining-room. And at 6 o'clock Mr. Bryan was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Mr. Benjamin Cameron. Mr. Bryan delivered his lecture, "The Value of an Ideal," under the auspices of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Athletic Association this evening at 8:15 o'clock.

**LEASES OPERA HOUSES.**  
S. A. Schloss, of Wilmington, who has already leased the Opera House in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, and one or two other North Carolina towns, has secured the lease of the Raleigh Academy of Music, the term of the lease to begin next fall, after the place has been thoroughly overhauled and much improved.

The Secretary of State charters the E. J. Martin and Sons Company, of Mt. Olive, the purpose being to do a general mercantile business. The capital is \$15,000.

The Raleigh police are searching diligently for a negro, John Arrington, who is wanted to answer the charge of following white ladies on several occasions and offering indignities on several evenings lately, and evidence has just come to light that Arrington is the negro. An officer came upon him early this morning, but the negro out ran him and it is believed that he has fled the city.

Insurance Commissioner Young announces that he will at once inspect every woman's college in the State with a view to ascertaining what safeguards they have in case of fire. He says there seems to be a peculiar fatality for colleges for women just now. In that seven have burned within six weeks—one in Virginia, four in North Carolina and two in South Carolina.

## SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI.

Annual Meeting in Raleigh and Election of Officers.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 22.—The North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati had its annual meeting here to-day. The meeting next year will be held in Wilmington. The election of officers to-day resulted as follows: Wilson G. Lamb, of Williamson, president; John Collins Daves, of Baltimore, vice-president; Marshall Delancey Haywood, Raleigh, assistant secretary; Walter D. Carstaphen, of Plymouth, treasurer; Benjamin Cameron, of Raleigh, assistant treasurer; Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, of Raleigh, chaplain.

The following is a list of ten members elected: Alfred Moore Waddell, of Wilmington, N. C.; Edward Buncum Gosslet, of Sulphur, N. C.; William Lewy Murphree, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Delancey Aetor Kane, of Newport, R. I.; Frederick McCullough Moore, of Washington, D. C.; James Blythe Anderson, of Lexington, Ky.; Franklin Brevard McDowell, of Charlotte, N. C.; Henry Ashton Ramsey, of Baltimore, Md.; E. A. Livingston, of River Falls, Wis.; and Julius Davis, of Wilmington, N. C.

## THREE TRAGEDIES.

Rufus Robertson Pleads Guilty and Is Sentenced.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Feb. 22.—Rufus Robertson, who stabbed and mortally wounded Herbert Robertson, near Kernersville last November, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in Forsyth Superior Court this afternoon. Judge Allen gave Robertson two years in the penitentiary.

After cutting Hester, Robertson hauled him to a barn and left him. The wounded man was brought to the hospital here the next day, where he died a week later. Kelly March pleaded guilty to-day to murder in the second degree for shooting and killing John Barrett, colored, last October. Sentence has not yet been imposed.

Coroner Dicka began an investigation this afternoon into the murder of Sidney Disher, a young white man, who was shot down and instantly killed in the street by Sam and Richard Randall, Sanders, Tom Munday and Milton Brewer, three young white men, who were with Disher when he was shot, are held on suspicion. They claim that an unknown negro shot Disher, the ball going through his heart. The hearing will be continued to-morrow.

## SHOT TO DEATH IN HIS OWN HOME

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WILSON, N. C., Feb. 22.—William T. Harrison, of Elm City, while at his farm near Stantonburg, last night was visited by Sam and Richard Randall, Sanders, Tom Munday and Milton Brewer, three young white men, who were with Disher when he was shot, are held on suspicion. They claim that an unknown negro shot Disher, the ball going through his heart. The hearing will be continued to-morrow.

## A Lenten House Party.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, the popular New York society leaders, have opened "Arlite," their magnificent country home on Wrightsville Sound, for the Lenten season, and will remain there until after Easter. They have as guests a party of fashionable New York people, among whom are the following: Mrs. Collins

and son; Mr. and Mrs. Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer, Mr. Harry Lehr, and Mr. Harry Walters. Every Lent Mr. and Mrs. Jones entertain some of their New York friends, and their guests always delight in the outing at Arlite.

## NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS TO MEET AT ASHEVILLE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 22.—The Executive Committee of the Bankers' Association, in session here, agreed to hold the annual session at Asheville, June 14th to 16th. Hendersonville, Wrightsville and Brevard, N. C., and Old Point, Va., had representatives here asking for the meeting.

## Stedman for Governor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 22.—Cumberland county will cast its vote solidly in the next State convention for Major C. M. Stedman, of Greensboro, for Governor. He is a native of Chatham county, but passed his youth and early manhood in Fayetteville.

## A Relay Team.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA., Feb. 22.—The University of Virginia has entered a relay team for Pennsylvania's relay races, which this year take place on April 1st at the races held in Philadelphia last year. Virginia could do no better than get fourth place, Amherst and Syracuse winning first and second places respectively. This year, however, a much better showing is looked for. Captain Shelton and Hays, members of last year's team, will lead the college, and some excellent new material is on hand, notably Kelley, who holds the interscholastic record in Maryland.

Every indication points to a very fast team of quarter-miles. Besides sending her relay team, Virginia may be represented by a sprinter and hurdler, Shelton and Russell, the latter a former student at Georgetown.

## MAY AFFECT CLAIM OF MRS. MAYBRICK

Indiana Family Assert That They Have Title to the Extensive Virginia Estate.

A Richmond, Ind., special says: The published statement that Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American woman who has been serving a life sentence in England for poisoning her husband, was anxious to secure her freedom that she might look after her interests in a large landed estate in Virginia and West Virginia is of interest in this State. The members of the family at Brazil believe that Mrs. Maybrick will be disappointed in her quest, as they hold title to the same estate.

The family includes Lewis and Blair McNell, grandchildren of John Freeman Schenck, who at an early age bought an estate in the States named, "The Schenck," and who, after his death, was considered of enormous value. The man who sold the estate afterward became dissipated and sold and resold the same property as often as he could find buyers.

The Schenck family heirs have had attorneys working on the case for several years, and they assert that they hold almost a complete chain of titles to the land, said to contain 42,872 acres. A part of it lies in the famous Pocahontas coal district.

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The Rev. R. M. Chandler, pastor of Central Methodist Church, in Manchester, occupied the pulpit in the morning, and preached a very pertinent and edifying sermon, "Go and Tell Jesus," and the Rev. R. H. Bennett, of Ashland, delighted the people with an excellent discourse on "Evangelism."

The pastor, Dr. Johnson, will return home to-day, and will hold services on tomorrow night, taking up the study given lesson for next Sunday.

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